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21 April 1976

Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry
U. S. Army
Superintendent
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York 10996

Dear Sid:

Thank you for your letter of 31 March inviting me to participate in informal discussions with selected members of the First Class of the United States Military Academy. Please excuse the delayed response but I have been travelling out of the country the past weeks.

Although I would very much have liked to participate, I find that due to further travelling and an usually heavy schedule during the last few weeks prior to my retirement from active duty, I will be unable to do so. I am sorry that I cannot be there before the end of the school year, but if you have an opening on next year's schedule with which I can help you in a retired status, I would be more than willing to do so. Just let me know.

With every good wish,

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Faithfully,

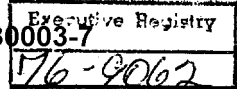
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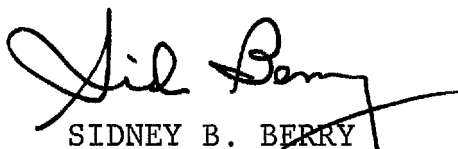
Dear Vernon:

Again this year, the United States Military Academy is inviting senior Army officers to participate in informal discussions with selected members of the First Class. In the past, these discussions have been enthusiastically received by cadets and I believe them to be of special value in stimulating career motivation.

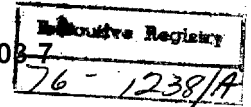
I hope that you will be willing to participate in the program on 22 May 1976. In addition, I invite you to attend the Army baseball and lacrosse team home contests that day. I have taken the liberty of arranging accommodations for you at the Hotel Thayer.

I look forward to seeing you on your visit here.

Sincerely,


SIDNEY B. BERRY
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent





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16 March 1976

Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry
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Dear Sid.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of 11 March. I have had the opportunity to touch base with General Walters and find that he will be out of the country on the dates you propose.

However, if it is convenient at your end, he has indicated that he would be available on the weekends of 15, 22 and 29 May. I will wait until I hear from your office before taking any further action at this end.

Sincerely,

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B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary

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March 11, 1976

Mr. B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your letter suggesting General Walters as a guest speaker. I agree that he has been the man in the middle and faces a considerable challenge in developing a viable intelligence organization in a free society. Certainly the issues and factors that surround this problem would be of great interest to both cadets and faculty here at the United States Military Academy.

Unfortunately, our evening lecture schedule for the remainder of the semester is already crowded and we are not able to assemble an entire cadet class to hear General Walters. However, we have another program we call Senior Officer Seminars that are conducted on Saturday mornings with selected senior cadets. This program involves a good deal of give and take and has served as an excellent forum for acquainting cadets with military issues and realities and exposing them to the varied and exciting careers of our Senior Army Officers; for example, recent participants include Lieutenant Generals Cooksey, Vessey and Fulton. I propose Saturday, 10 April, or Saturday, 17 April, (there will be a lacrosse game with the Air Force Academy here Saturday afternoon) as possible dates for General Walters to participate in this program. The program involves two 1-hour sessions with 36 cadets each; the cadets are drawn from throughout the Corps and carry what they learn from the discussion back to others in their companies. Along with the Saturday morning seminars, we would have an opportunity to offer General Walters a weekend with a change of pace and West Point hospitality.

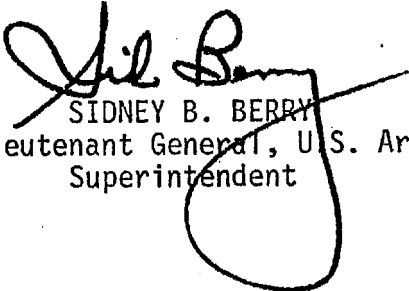
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If you think this proposal is acceptable, please let me know and I will send General Walters a personal invitation.

Thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely,


SIDNEY B. BERRY
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent

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United States Military Academy
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Dear Sid:


As you know, I tried to reach you by phone last Friday morning, and it is understood that you were fully engaged with the Association of Graduates. I'm sure you had a busy and fruitful weekend.

My purpose in getting in touch after all these years is to flag for your personal attention the benefits that might accrue to your Guest Speakers program if it included our Deputy Director. General Walters spoke for an hour on 25 February to 1,000 midshipmen at Annapolis. He then fielded questions from the group for an additional hour. As you can see from his Biography (enclosed), he has had a unique and remarkable career. More importantly, he has been in the hot seat here for the past four years and his leadership through troubled waters as this government seeks to find the balance to maintain a viable intelligence organization in a free society has been remarkable. In brief, his ability to give the heat of the day historical perspective yields great oratory, and I am sure cadets and faculty would agree.

If you think it a good idea, it would be my guess that he would be happy to provide USMA with equal time. I believe he would welcome and accept a personal invitation from you.

Sincerely,

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B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Walters

I called the superintendent's office to tell them it looked like your schedule would not permit you to do this on Saturday, 22 May. I told them I would check with you to see if you could do it on the 15th, the weekend before, and I asked them to be sure and tell General Berry that you had been out of the country for the last three weeks and that was the reason for the delayed response.

Do you want to try for the 15th? Yes ☐ No ☐

You won't be addressing a very large group of cadets as you did at Annapolis. This is for selected members of the First Class and will be informal discussions.

Do you want to regret? Yes ☒ No ☐

Date 19 April 1976

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